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COORDINATION, 18TH SESSION, 1ST PART. WORK PROGRAM FOR
1979-80 AND CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT REPORT. USDEL
REPORT #15

1. CPC SPENT MOST OF THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 9 DISCUSSING
TOPICS FOR EVALUATION AND CROSS-ORGANIZATIONAL ANALYSIS
FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH
THE UK VIEW THAT IN LIGHT OF THIS YEAR'S EXPERIENCE NO
MORE THAN TWO EVALUATIONS AND TWO ANALYSES SHOULD BE
CONSIDERED IN ANY ONE YEAR. THERE WAS, HOWEVER, NO
AGREEMENT ON ANY ONE TOPIC AND DECISION WAS DEFERRED UNTIL
THE SECOND PART OF THE SESSION (AUGUST 28-SEPTEMBER 15).

2. THE SEMIFINALISTS FOR EVALUATION STUDIES ARE (1)
TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS (PROPOSED BY CHAIRMAN), (2)
TRADE ASPECTS OF MANUFACTURING (PROPOSED BY CHAIRMAN),
(3) HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (PROPOSED BY CPC LAST YEAR BUT
DEFERRED BECAUSE OF UNSETTLED INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS),
(4) REFUGEE PROGRAMS OF THE UNHCR (PROPOSED BY US), (5)
WOMEN'S PROGRAMS (PROPOSED BY UK), AND (6) SOME ASPECT
OF THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (PROPOSED BY USSR).

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3. THE TOPIC WITH THE LEAST AGREEMENT WAS WOMEN'S PROGRAMS.
THE UK, SUPPORTED BY BELGIUM, STRONGLY ADVOCATED AN
EVALUATION--OR, AS A FALLBACK, A CROSS-ORGANIZATIONAL
ANALYSIS--WHICH IT BELIEVED COULD PROVIDE USEFUL INPUT
TO THE MID-DECADE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE. THE USSR JUST AS
STRONGLY OPPOSED SUCH AN EVALUATION ON THE GROUNDS THAT:
(1) THE EVALUATION WOULD BE OF A SUBPROGRAM RATHER THAN

A PROGRAM, AND (2) THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE CONFERENCE HAS THE SITUATION IN HAND.

4. A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARIAT URGED THAT IF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS SHOULD BE CHOSEN, THAT THE EVALUATION BE AN EXTERNAL ONE SINCE, INTER ALIA, THE PSYCHOLOGICAL UPHEAVAL ATTENDANT ON THE CURRENT MOVE TO NAIROBI WOULD MAKE AN INTERNAL EVALUATION DIFFICULT TO CARRY OUT IMPARTIALLY.

5. NO AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON WHICH TOPICS MIGHT BE EVALUATED INTERNALLY AND WHICH EXTERNALLY, AND THE CHAIRMAN REMINDED MEMBERS THAT THE CPC COULD NOT ASSIGN WORK TO THE JIU, BUT COULD ONLY DRAW ITS ATTENTION TO TOPICS OF INTEREST. THE UK AND OTHERS RECALLED THAT AN ELEMENT OF EXTERNAL EVALUATION COULD BE INCORPORATED INTO INTERNAL STUDIES BY UTILIZING THE ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT SERVICE AND THE INTERNAL AUDITORS.

6. THE SEMIFINALISTS FOR CROSS-ORGANIZATIONAL ANALYSIS SEEMED TO BE STATISTICS (WHICH THE CHAIRMAN SAID THAT THE JIU HAD EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN EVALUATING), ENERGY (PROPOSED BY THE ACC), WOMEN, AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (PROPOSED BY BELGIUM).

7. THE COMMITTEE ENDED ITS SESSION AFTER GOING OVER THE UNCLASSIFIED

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DRAFT REPORT FOR THE SECTION ON LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES--WHICH THE CHAIRMAN WISHED ADOPTED BEFORE THE JOINT MEETINGS WITH THE ACC. A NUMBER OF STATES--PAKISTAN, BELGIUM, ARGENTINA, UK, AND USSR--WANTED CHANGES IN THE REPORT, WHICH THE RAPPORTEUR WAS TO INCORPORATE IN THE FOLLOWING WEEK. CHANGES ON OTHER PARTS OF THE REPORT CONCERNING THE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN WERE ALSO TO BE SUBMITTED BY JUNE 16. MOST OF THE REPORT, HOWEVER, HAS NOT YET BEEN PREPARED BY THE RAPPORTEUR. YOUNG

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